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Column One
By David Courtney

DEMOCRACY is not of much use where the electorate can be bribed or browbeaten. In countries politically immature and economically unbalanced, government by ballot box and parliamentary procedure can result in the very worst kind of dictatorship — that of a corrupt and nepotic group of men acting under the democratic cloak of political party and in the democratic security of constitution. Egypt has a dictatorship today but rarely has been without one; and better the dictatorship of a few well-intentioned men with the authority of the national army behind them than the dictatorship of a selfish oligarchy basing its authority on the pretence of democracy.

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GENERAL Nagib's dictatorship is far from ideal, but only by some such method can the oppressed and brutalized Egyptian masses be raised to the level at which an intelligent political and social consciousness becomes possible. The question is not whether the present form of rulership in Egypt is democratic or not, but whether it can last long enough as a consistent dictatorship to bring about those fundamental reforms which decades of profligate monarchy and self-seeking Pashas have neglected. The question is also whether General Nagib and the government he has imposed can keep control of the *junta* that was instrumental in bringing about the *coup* and in forcing the resignation of Aly Maher.

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THE news from Cairo is of military courts and the summary trial of landowners who face the prospect of death sentence. Summary justice is objectionable by every principle of liberal democracy. It is objectionable whether it takes place in Poland, China, Greece or Egypt. It is objectionable by every humanistic reckoning. But it is inseparable from revolutionary movement in countries where feudalism, corruption and the backwardness of the masses are at such a stage that only by revolutionary means can the social wheel be reversed. That was the stage in Egypt. If General Nagib can continue his reforms while abating the present degree of ruthlessness in carrying them out his revolution will have been gentle indeed.

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THE news from Cairo is also of fear among the political parties that their compulsory reorganization is in fact intended as a step towards their complete dissolution. It may well be. The party system has something to be said for it in countries with a high political maturity; and, on the record, nothing at all to be said for it in Egypt. The party system assumes a basis of national interest and gives to politically advanced nations a progressive, and in the true sense of the word, patriotic, trend common to every substantial party group and taking precedence over the special interests which differentiate one group from the other. Egypt can assume nothing of the kind and its present rulers are, therefore, not bound to restore a system which has led to corruption, nepotism, and confusion.

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THE real government in Egypt would seem to be the committee which controls the military movement. From all accounts that committee is not unduly under the influence of the extreme nationalist bodies represented in the Cabinet; and it is evidently the intention of the committee to go ahead with its internal reforms and at the same time improve its external relations, including those with Britain. This policy seems to have the support of the bulk of both Moslem Brotherhood and Wafd, which, rid of their former leaders and the former leaders' commitments, look like merging into a national political movement pledged to support the army *junta* and capable of sweeping the polls if there should be a general election. The old parties and party leaders will have a hard time trying to recover popular backing. The revolution is still in a highly critical state, but revolution it is.

Tel Aviv, September 22.

AFRICANS ARRESTED IN 'APARTHEID' CAMPAIGN

BLOEMFONTEIN, Monday (Reuter). — Thirty-nine non-Europeans, including three women, were sentenced here today for breaking curfew as part of the "defiance of unjust laws" campaign in South Africa. They were fined one pound sterling with the alternative of 10 days in prison.

The arrests marked the opening of the defiance campaign in the Orange Free State.

U.N. Release Of PoW's 'Wrecks' Armistice Talks

MUNSAN, Korea, Monday (UP). — The U.N. decision to release 11,000 South Koreans from prison stockades makes the basis of the armistice talks "null and void," Radio Peking said today.

Quoting "observers in the Kaesong" headquarters of the Communist truce team, Radio Peking said that prisoner lists exchanged between the U.N. and Communist forces form the "sole agreed basis" of the truce discussions.

The 11,000 South Koreans who are to be reclassified from prisoner-of-war to civilian internee status, are the last of the 35,000 persons originally held as prisoners of war who have been, or will be, released after thorough screening, U.N. officials announced on Saturday.

'Nat'lists to Replace U.S. in Korea'

WASHINGTON, Monday. — It is "generally agreed" that American troops in Korea should "eventually" be replaced by Chinese Nationalists and South Koreans, Representative O.C. Fisher, Acting Chairman of the House Armed Services subcommittee, which toured Korean positions during an inspection of U.S. units in the Pacific, said here yesterday.

In Formosa the subcommittee learned that at least two well-trained Nationalist divisions are available, Mr. Fisher said, and added that the economy of the Peking regime "must be under a strain" to maintain an estimated one million men in Korea.

Invasion of China

In Formosa, meanwhile, the son of Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek told Nationalist guerrillas on the China mainland today that preparations for a Nationalist invasion of China were "almost completed." While asking the guerrillas to hold onto their present positions, he did not indicate when the projected invasion would take place. His message was entitled "We shall return."

The official "Central Daily News" indirectly asked the U.S. to relax its insistence on neutrality to permit a Nationalist invasion. The paper hinted that the shortest way to end the Korean war was to invade the mainland, and not to send Nationalist troops to Korea.

(Reuter, U.P.)

Beirut Imposes Election Curfew

BEIRUT, Monday. — A curfew has been imposed throughout Lebanon for the period of the Presidential elections tomorrow, following armed demonstrations in Tripoli in favour of Hamid Frangie, one of the two candidates. All demonstrations and public meetings are to be banned.

In Beirut itself there has been complete calm. There had been rumours that the Beirut opposition group, the Popular Front, would call a general strike today, but it did not materialise. Meanwhile, former President Bechara el Khoury was still in the Lebanon according to latest reports, despite opposition pressure to compel him to leave the country before tomorrow's elections.

The two Opposition deputies facing a neck-and-neck race are Camille Chamoun and Hamid Frangie, both Maronite Independents, who worked with the opposition Socialist National Front. The S.N.F. has officially endorsed Chamoun, but Frangie has strong support from the Maronite church.

Christian Minority

Differences between the two arise primarily from their attitudes toward the Maronites. As part of Lebanon's system of checks and balances among sects, the President is traditionally a Maronite. Chamoun has supported Pan-Arab movements which, if successful, would submerge Lebanon's Maronite Christians in a sea of 40,000,000 Moslem Arabs. Only a few months ago Chamoun toured Arab capitals advocating the principle of Arab unity. *(UP and AP)*

Schacht in Cairo To Give Advice

CAIRO, Monday. — Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, who arrived here today at the invitation of the Egyptian Government, said he would advise the Government "on all kinds of economic and financial questions which interest this country." He told reporters that he planned to submit a report by next Saturday.

Shortly after his arrival, Schacht met the Finance Minister, Abdul Galil Amary, who announced afterwards that Schacht's assistance would bear mainly on the issue of Egyptian Government bonds to cover compensation to landowners.

Meeting reporters at the Semiramis Hotel here, Schacht said that the Middle East economic situation was closely tied up with West European economics and that economic development in the Middle East would thus contribute greatly to economic stability in Western Europe.

Choice Between Chamoun, Frangie

By a Special Correspondent

Camille Chamoun, the Opposition leader from Mt. Lebanon, made his entrance into politics in the late thirties and was a member of the first independent Lebanese Government in 1943. He has served as Lebanese Minister to London and in various cabinet posts.

In November 1947, Chamoun made a last-minute proposal to prevent the partition of Palestine and to solve the issue on federative lines. For the past few years he has collaborated with the Opposition, called at different times "progressive," "socialist and "reform" parties.

Equal Rights for Jews

Hamid Frangie is a well-known landowner from Northern Lebanon, the only one of his group to be elected in the 1951 election. He has been a minister several times. In a recent debate on the status of Lebanese Jews he insisted that they should be granted equal rights.

(Akadi, one of the present cabinet, on the other hand, has demanded the confiscation of Jewish property as in Iraq).

Frangie has also a collaboratory with the Opposition in recent years, but it appears that neither his candidature nor Chamoun's is now supported by the Opposition. The ousting of the former President has virtually split the Opposition, and it is considered likely that a tie-up between the moderate Opposition and part of the old coalition will eventually emerge.

Both Frangie and Chamoun (a personal friend of the late King Abdullah) are considered to be mildly pro-Western, although together with the Opposition they have come out recently on various occasions in favour of a neutralist line.

Special Ties with Bonn Not Intended—de Gasperi

BONN, Monday (AP).—Italian Premier Alcide de Gasperi summoned Italian correspondents stationed in Bonn to a private meeting in the Cologne Hotel last night shortly after arriving here for a four-day state visit.

The Italian correspondents afterwards said the Premier told them that he has no intention of trying to forge special political links between Rome and Bonn.

Italy desires the friendship of all West European nations, he emphasized, and in view of Italy's close ties with France, a special political relationship with West Germany is out of the question.

Italy, however, highly values both its traditional friendship and its trade ties with the Germans. The Premier has no intention of trying to mediate the troublesome Saar controversy between France and Germany. He considers his visit with Chancellor Konrad Adenauer solely "as a visit by one good European to another good European." He hopes, however, that his visit will strengthen the normal friendly relations between the Italian and West German government and people.

Jewish Agency Plans 35 New Settlements

Thirty-five new settlements are to be established in the near future, Mr. Levi Eshkol, head of the Jewish Agency's Settlement Department, told a meeting of the Executive in Jerusalem yesterday. Mr. Beri Locker chaired the meeting.

He said plans were also being made to establish 50 to 60 new villages this spring on the assumption that the coming year will be decisive in erecting permanent quarters.

Every able-bodied man between 21 and 40 years of age will be given a chance to enter permanent quarters on agricultural farms.

Of the 35 new settlements, 20 are to be Ministry of Defence ahal-settlements, three independent farms (two training farms) and one a veterans' settlement.

Hauteclocque in Paris

PARIS, Monday (Reuter). — Count Jean de Hauteclocque, the French Resident General in Tunisia, arrived here by air today for consultations with the Government. It is believed that the main topic of discussion will be the Tunisian budget.

Before leaving for France, de Hauteclocque was received by the Bey in Carthage Palace where a crowd of women cheered and sang nationalist songs. The demonstration was dispersed without incident.

Radical Armament Plan Drawn Up By Churchill

PARIS, Monday (UP). — British Prime Minister Winston Churchill has approved a revolutionary rearmament plan which for the first time in Britain's history puts the emphasis on offence, diplomatic circles said here today. According to these sources, the Imperial General Staff drew up an entirely new defence plan on Mr. Churchill's details several months ago and has now submitted it to Washington for comment.

The new "Churchill Plan" "stakes its success on the hope of no Soviet aggression in the next two years, by which time it is hoped that technological superiority will have given the West a definite military advantage.

The new scheme is understood to mean that Britain will not meet her defence commitments to NATO made in Lisbon last February in conventional terms of military strength, such as battle divisions and air groups.

In what observers call the biggest change in British war concepts since the time of Elizabeth I, the production will be promoted of guided missiles capable of delivering their atomic bombs or defending the home isles and new jet atomic bombers, such as the Vickers Valiant and the delta-shaped Avro 698.

U.S., Britain Reject Soviet Note on Trieste

LONDON, Monday (Reuter). — Britain and the U.S. have rejected a Soviet allegation that they contravened the provisions of the Italian Peace Treaty by the new arrangements made this summer for the Anglo-American Zone of Trieste.

Both governments blame the Soviet Government for any non-fulfilment of the Italian Peace Treaty in identical notes delivered in Moscow on Saturday rejecting the Soviet protest of June 26.

The Soviet note complained of the new arrangements giving Italy a greater share in Trieste's administration.

Diplomatic observers here consider that the decision to reject the protest in a formal note indicates that Britain and the United States are determined to remove obstacles from the meeting of the Austrian Deputies conference which they have convened for next Monday. Russia has not yet replied to the Western invitation to continue negotiations on the Austrian Peace Treaty.

Previously the Soviet Government objected to further discussions on the Austrian Treaty on the ground that the Anglo-American Administration of Trieste violated the Italian Peace Treaty, and has claimed that a settlement of the Trieste issue should precede discussions on Austria.

EDEN SEES TITO

LJUBLJANA, Monday (Reuter). — British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden flew here today from Dubrovnik in Dalmatia for further talks with Marshal Tito. Accompanied by the British Ambassador in Belgrade, Sir Ivor Mallet, Eden was driven to lunch at Brod in the Slovene mountains where the Marshal is residing.

He is to fly to Vienna via Zagreb tomorrow after giving a press conference at Bled.

Sources close to the Yugoslav Government here today discounted reports that the postponement for a fortnight of the sixth Yugoslav Communist Party Congress had anything to do with Eden's visit.

Death for Killing Radio Announcer

LONDON, Monday (Reuter).—A Polish woman and four men are to hang for assassinating a Warsaw radio commentator, according to a Polish broadcast today.

The Warsaw military court said the accused murdered Stefan Martyka under the influence of "Voice of America" programmes.

Another woman and two more men were sentenced to life imprisonment and 15 years of hard labour, respectively.

The leader of the gang was killed "while resisting arrest." Another 11 persons, of whom two are described as former American Embassy employees, are awaiting trial.

Nine War Criminals Released by British

BONN, Monday (Reuter).—British authorities have released nine Germans serving war crimes sentences at the North German prison at Kiel as an act of clemency, the British High Commissioner announced today.

Eban, Acheson Discuss Arms

WASHINGTON, Monday (IHA). — Secretary of State Dean Acheson and Ambassador Abba Eban today discussed arms aid for Israel and other topics, when Mr. Eban called at the State Department prior to his departure for Israel.

In the discussion special emphasis was placed on the Middle East situation and Arab-Israel relations. They explored the possibilities of improving relations between Israel and the Arab States, and the questions affecting Israel which will appear on the agenda of the U.N. General Assembly.

Under the terms of the Mutual Security Act Israel is now able to purchase certain categories of munitions here, but free arms, provided in the Act, have not yet been made available.

Reparations Ratification

Mr. Eban expressed his gratification at Mr. Acheson's recent statement which hailed the German reparations agreement with Israel, and in which Mr. Acheson made known his desire for a speedy ratification.

The Ambassador also met with Mr. Henry A. Byroade, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs. They discussed economic and financial matters related to the American aid programme. Mr. Eban said that he found the talks "satisfactory".

EBAN TO LEAVE U.S. TOMORROW

By Jesse Zel Lurie

NEW YORK, Monday. — Ambassador Abba Eban is leaving for Israel on Wednesday for consultations on the presentation of Israel's case at the U.N. General Assembly.

He will convene the first meeting of the United Jewish Appeal-Israel Bond Drive Coordinating Committee before leaving. This will enable him to present the problems raised there to the Cabinet for decision.

Turkish Ambassador Discusses MEDO

WASHINGTON, Monday (Reuter).—The Turkish Ambassador in the U.S., Mr. Feridun Erkin, said today that his Government, the U.S. and France were studying very closely new proposals to end the present deadlock on Allied defence arrangements in the Middle East.

The Ambassador said the four countries which formally proposed a non-Communist Middle East Defence Command last year, were "determined to do something" about Middle East defence as soon as possible.

The original proposal was turned down by Egypt.

Mr. Erkin gave his statement after a 30-minute conference with Mr. Dean Acheson, the Secretary of State. They had discussed the Middle East problem and the world situation in general, Mr. Erkin said.

Israel Awaits Official E. German Statement

Diplomatic steps will be taken if the Foreign Ministry finds the statement on reparations from East Germany to be authoritative, a Ministry spokesman said in Jerusalem yesterday. No steps will be taken if what the press reported was the private opinion of Mr. Goldenbaum and not an official statement in his governmental capacity as Minister of Agriculture, the spokesman said.

Asked about the report that Israel had made no approach to the East German regime for reparations, the spokesman pointed out that no approach had been made to West Germany either but to the four Occupation Powers. He refused to disclose any details of the exchange of notes between Hakirya and Moscow on the reparations issue but he recalled an earlier statement by the Foreign Minister that Moscow's reply was unsatisfactory.

Replying to a question regarding the Rosh Hashana greetings of Governor Adlai Stevenson and General Dwight Eisenhower, the spokesman said that Israel welcomed with satisfaction the warm feeling towards Israel expressed in the presidential candidates' greetings to American Jewry.

"We are glad to note that friendship towards Israel continues to be the official policy of both parties," he said.

BONN, Monday (IHA). — The Arab League delegation which is expected here soon to make protests on the reparations agreement with Israel and World Jewish Organizations, will also conduct commercial negotiations with German industrial concerns, it was learned here today.

Lieut.-Governor Of California Here on Visit

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Mr. Godwin Knight, Lieutenant Governor of California, and Mrs. Knight, arrived here today for a brief three-day visit as guests of the Government. On their first visit to Europe the visitors, on a month's vacation, have so far visited Britain, France, Belgium and Italy, and after their Israel tour are going on to Greece, Spain and Portugal on their way home.

Mr. Knight had an hour's conversation with Prime Minister Ben Gurion here today, during which they discussed "this and that," the visitor told *The Post*. He toured the Tel Aviv-Jaffa area this afternoon and is to visit Jerusalem tomorrow and will dine with the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Monnett B. Davis, at his Ramat Gan residence.

The visitors are due to leave Israel on Thursday, if Mrs. Knight has recovered from a slight cold. She is at present being treated by a doctor recommended by the Prime Minister. Mr. Knight explained to the POST tonight that he and his wife, on their trip through Europe, had been "like kids in a candy store" and had overdone their sightseeing and visiting and had gone with very little sleep.

Mr. Knight told newsmen at the Airport that the Republican party, of which he is a member, fully supported Israel.

Berlin Journalist Kidnapped in E. Zone

BERLIN, Monday (UP). — Herbert Kluge, Berlin correspondent for the South German radio station in Stuttgart, was arrested by East German police as he was travelling from Berlin to Western Germany last June, it was announced by Gerhard Eisler, the East German propaganda chief, at a press conference today.

Kluge was believed to have been arrested after he had disappeared but confirmation came only today. The journalist has been taken into "investigative custody," Eisler said.

Mossadegh Approves Oil Commission's Reply

TEHERAN, Monday.—Premier Mohammed Mossadegh has approved the Mixed Oil Commission's reply to the Anglo-American proposals.

The note demands the immediate payment by Britain of £49m., a member of the Commission disclosed here today.

Reports from Ahwaz, near Isfahan, had eight said several persons were injured when riots broke out as local landlords and their armed henchmen clashed with peasants and the police over the implementation of Premier Mossadegh's decree giving an extra 20 per cent of the landlords' share of crops to the peasants. (Reuter, UP)

Mapam Splinter May Give Gov't Knesset Majority

Jerusalem POST Staff

An agreement between Mapai and the L'Ahdut Ha'avoda faction on the latter's entrance into the Government coalition is expected within the next few days, well informed sources indicated in Jerusalem last night.

The Government hopes thus to solve the problem presented by the withdrawal of the Agudat Yisrael and Poale Agudat Yisrael parties from the coalition.

After the resignation of the two Orthodox parties, the Coalition commanded 60 votes in the House, so that the two L'Ahdut Ha'avoda Knesset members Mr. D. Livshitz and Mrs. R. Lamdan, could give the coalition a bare majority.

Mr. Pinhas Lavon, the Minister without Portfolio, conferred in Jerusalem yesterday with Mr. Livshitz and Mrs. Lamdan. A similar meeting had been held on Friday.

It is understood that the meetings were "exploratory" in nature, with Mr. Lavon seeking to learn what terms the Mapam splinter group would demand. Mr. Lavon is understood to have asked whether they would be ready to give voting support to the coalition without receiving Cabinet posts.

Further talks are scheduled for later in the week.

The Misrahi political committee meeting in Tel Aviv last night deferred until today the decision on whether to leave the Coalition, but it was learned that the majority who spoke in the debate last night favoured remaining in the Government.

The committee heard a report by Rabbi Israel Rosenberg, M.K., and Rabbi Yehuda Elenson on their meeting with Premier Ben Gurion on Friday.

The scheduled meeting yesterday of the Hapoel Hamizrahi members of the Knesset to discuss their party's position, was not held because of the absence of the Minister of Interior, Mr. Moshe Shapiro, who was in Tel Aviv. The meeting is expected to be held this morning at Beit Meir.

Dr. Jacob Landau, Director-General of the Ministry for Social Welfare, yesterday submitted his resignation to the Government Secretary, it was learned in Jerusalem. The resignation follows that of the former Minister, Rabbi I.M. Levin.

A Government spokesman stated that the coalition would not take the initiative to call a special session of the Knesset to discuss the political situation. He indicated, however, that the Government did not fear this move if, as required by law, a petition with 40 signatures demanded such a meeting. He stressed that the Cabinet was convinced that a majority would be mustered in the Knesset.

(See Leader — P. 4)

Chou Goes Home

MOSCOW, Monday (AP). — Chinese Premier Chou En Lai left by plane for Peking this morning, after a five-week visit.

Chou and his delegation were seen off by a number of Soviet leaders, officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Foreign Trade, and by those members of Moscow's diplomatic corps whose government's have relations with the Peking government.

2 Soldiers Shot from Across Border Defending Olive Pickers

Two Israel soldiers, called to defend olive pickers north of Baka'a el Gharbieh in the "Little Triangle," were wounded on Friday night by Jordan forces, an Army spokesman said yesterday.

Their wounding was the final act in a three-day incident that began on Wednesday evening when rifle and automatic fire was opened on the harvesters. The head of the Israel delegation immediately asked the chairman of the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission to order the Jordanians to stop firing. On Thursday morning, however, fire was again opened on the olive pickers and only stopped when an Israel Army unit reached the scene.

On Friday morning, ten three-inch mortar shells were fired by Jordan forces. The two soldiers were wounded by intermittent rifle fire which followed the barrage.

On Saturday morning the fire ceased completely on the arrival of a M.A.C. inquiry subcommittee.

Israel has lodged a protest which includes a demand for an emergency meeting of the M.A.C. No answer has yet been received, the spokesman said.

Marauders Enter 3 Settlements

Infiltrators were reported in three Jerusalem Corridor settlements during Rosh Hashana. In each case, the marauders escaped before police arrived.

Tracks of four men were found at each settlement. It is believed that one group of four men had moved from place to place.

About 300 metres of irrigation pipes, valued at several hundred pounds, were stolen from a settlement in the Judean Hills over the weekend. Tracks of five donkeys were found nearby.

Nixon Drops Election Campaign To Answer Expenses Charge

PORTLAND, Ore., Monday.—Senator Richard Nixon, Republican candidate for the Vice-Presidency, announced today he is temporarily breaking off his campaign to deal with accusations concerning his $18,000 Senatorial expenses fund.

The Senator, who made this announcement after a telephone talk with Mr. Eisenhower, indicated in his statement that he would remain on the Republican ticket.

Nixon

Mr. Eisenhower has made no definite pronouncement yet on the position of Mr. Nixon. His press secretary, Mr. James Hagerty, told journalists that at least 40 telegrams, mostly from private individuals, had been received from all parts of the country.

Mr. Eisenhower has made no definite pronouncement yet on the position of Mr. Nixon.

"Half the people want to keep Mr. Nixon on the ticket, and the other half do not," he said.

In Los Angeles, Mr. L. B. Van Nuys, one of the 76 contributors to the Nixon expenses fund, said: "We felt that Nixon, as a young man giving up a law practice to go to Washington, would necessarily have expenses over and above what the Government provides for Senators ($2,500 per year).

"It was not a political fund. We had no interest in any particular enterprise. We understand the money was to be spent for office supplies and secretarial staff."

At Cleveland Ohio the Democratic Vice-Presidential candidate, Mr. John Sparkman, suggested that a congressional committee should investigate Senator Nixon's expense fund.

Senator Robert Taft, asked whether he would accept the Republican Vice-Presidential candidacy if Senator Nixon should withdraw, said "That's absolutely ridiculous. Senator Nixon is not going to withdraw."

The National Broadcasting Company announced today that Senator Nixon's speech discussing his finances will be carried on its countrywide television network tomorrow night, sponsored by the Republican National Committee.

The "Chicago Tribune" and the "Chicago Daily News" today demanded of an investigation into Governor Stevenson's Presidential campaign fund. They claim that Stevenson solicited campaign funds for his gubernatorial elections from over 1,000 business corporations and state suppliers and that this fund, which was to have been handed over to the Chicago Democratic Party organization after that Governor is not to run for Governor, will be used for his presidential campaign.

Governor Stevenson said in New York today that the Taft-Hartley Act must be repealed because it is "spiteful."

Speaking at the National Convention of the American Federation of Labour he pictured General Eisenhower as firing only "blank cartridges" at labour problems.

"His party, he is against unemployment. Yet he seems to support the present law which compels men to work under court injunction for eighty days under terms they have rejected. There can be no greater compulsion than that."

"My proposal was, and is, that if Congress sees fit to direct the President to intervene in a labour dispute, it should give him the authority to try, among other things, to have that dispute referred to arbitration."

SIX C.P. LEADERS INDICTED IN U.S.

WASHINGTON, Monday (Reuter). — The Justice Department announced today that six Communist Party leaders had been indicted in Detroit on charges of conspiracy to overthrow the U.S. Government by force.

The six were among 13 party leaders rounded up by the F.B.I. last Wednesday in a number of cities across the country. A Federal Grand Jury returned the indictment.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

A Pan-American World Airways Super-6b clipper scheduled a double record yesterday. It carried 61 people — the largest number ever flown aboard one plane on a commercial flight. The trip from New York to Germany — in a new record time of 13 hours, 1 min. 45 sec. — was the first to be made in a single hop. The plane was fortunate in having a 50 m.p.h. tail-wind.

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Social & Personal

The Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive and Mrs. Lesher gave a reception for Mr. Chaim Weizmann, grandson-in-law of the Kol Zion Legein vocal ensemble, and his wife, the writer Ma'ayan Kaigen, at the Touring Club in Talbieh, Jerusalem, last night.

Mr. Shmuel Divon, First Secretary at the Israel Legation in Paris, returned yesterday for a short visit.

Mr. Yitzhak Navon, Senior Secretary to the Foreign Minister, has assumed his duties as private secretary to the Prime Minister. He succeeds Mr. Ephraim Evron, who has gone on leave prior to taking up a Foreign Ministry appointment.

Dr. and Mrs. Meyer Weisgal, of Chicago, are in Jerusalem for the High Holidays. Dr. Weisgal, Professor of Hebrew Theological College of Chicago, author of a History of Jewish Literature and other works, is an active member of the Mizrahi in America.

A reception in honour of Mr. Joseph Opatoshu, the Yiddish writer, was given at the home of Mr. M. Gorden, director of the Stella Ingatious, Jerusalem, on Thursday.

Mr. Shmuel Salamo has been appointed head of the Elementary Arabic Education Department of the Ministry of Education and Culture. Mr. Salamo will also direct the seminar for Arab teachers that is to open shortly in Jaffa.

Mr. Emmanuel Herzmark, Deputy Director of the Public Relations Department in the Ministry of Defence, has been appointed Director of the Department as from September 15.

Mr. J. E. Prozansky, London manufacturer and leading worker for the Jewish National Fund in Britain, is at the Bnaya Hotel, Haifa, accompanied by Mrs. Prozansky and their son-in-law, Councillor Mukhtar.

Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Hechter, leaders of the South African United Israel Appeal, arrived by LAI from Rome on Friday for a two-month visit in connection with Appeal activities.

Mr. Ernest Tirkel, of the World Health Organization, arrived yesterday for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph J. Kaplan are here on a three-week visit. Mr. Kaplan represents the Centre for Human Relations Studies at New York University.

The Chief Rabbi of Israel, Rabbi I. H. Herzog, will speak at the twentieth annual distribution of the Tel Aviv Municipality's Rabbi Kook Prize at the Municipal Council Hall in Tel Aviv at 6 o'clock on Wednesday evening.

A bazaar, under the patronage of Madame Dorothea Kerschbaum, wife of the Minister of the Netherlands, for the benefit of the Sead Home Aid Society, will be held in Jerusalem on Wednesday, October 1, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the home of the Society's President, Mrs. Marige Mendelson, 9 Rehov Balfour, Talbieh. Tickets may be obtained at the Hazofeh bookshop on Rehov Ben-Yehudah or at the home of Mrs. Hendon.

An exhibition of "Early Persian and Islamic Pottery," from the collection of Mr. Henry Phillips, will be opened at the Bezalel National Museum in Jerusalem at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 27.

BIRTH

LEICHTER — To Sarah, wife of Haim Leichter, on Friday, September 18, at the Shaarei Zedek Hospital, Jerusalem — a daughter.

International Chair At University

The appointment of Dr. Leo Kohn to the International Relations Chair at the Hebrew University, while very actively canvassed, has not (we are informed) as yet been confirmed, and yesterday's announcement in these columns must be regarded as premature.

BODIES FLOWN HOME

LYDDA AIRPORT, Monday (ITIM). — The bodies of Mr V. Holberg, of Sweden, who died of a cerebral haemorrhage last week, and of his son, Sven Leyard, who had died the previous day of polio in Haifa, were flown to Sweden by SAS today.

REVIEW OF OPINION IN YESTERDAY'S PRESS

Statement of East German Minister On Reparations Not Satisfying—'Ha'aretz'

The declaration by an East German Minister in Bonn on reparations to Israel was headlined in several morning papers. "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) and "Kol Ha'am" (Communist), however, published this item on the back page.

"Ha'aretz" (Independent) said the West German Chancellor accepted responsibility in the Bundestag for Germany's crimes against the Jews. No such statement has been made by the East German Prime Minister. Israel decided not to approach either West or East Germany directly, but through the Occupying Powers. It started to negotiate with West Germany only after Dr. Adenauer declared his Government's willingness to discuss the issue. The declaration by an East German Minister on a trip to West Germany is hardly satisfying. It is difficult to understand what caused the Minister to say East Germany had no basic objection" to reparations. Possibly it arises from the fact that West Germany had agreed to reparations, and this had an adverse effect on Communist propaganda in some parts of the world.

"Ha'aretz" said the Bonn declaration alone will not release East Germany from its obligations and that the country must take practical steps to pay its share of the overall German debt.

Dr. Moshe Sneh in the first of a series of articles in "Al Hamishmar," which appear to have been written prior to the Bonn statement, attempted to explain the background of the Israel-Imperialist-Neo-Nazi-Monopolist reparations agreements. He goes as far back as 1348 for support.

"Davar" (Histadrut) said it is not yet clear whether the resignation of the Agudat Yisrael cabinet minister constitutes a Cabinet crisis. A broader coalition is just as desirable now as it was in the past. It is to be feared, however, that the minority parties will take this opportunity to make demands which cannot be met. These parties believe the major party should offer most of the compromises. Mapam's "minimum" demand undoubtedly will be that of severing relations with the West, while the General Zionists will want to dictate the Government's economic policy.

'Class Interests' Charge

"Haboker" (General Zionist) claimed that the present regime was dictatorial, subservient to and dependent upon "class interests." The national feeling of responsibility does not allow the public to revolt against corrupt management. The public should, however, bring about a change on democratic lines.

"Hatzofe" (Mizrahi) reported that the Chief Rabbis had not yet decided on the issue of national service for women. Rabbi I. M. Levin was reportedly personally offended when the Prime Minister told him at one stage of the negotiations that, if he wished, he could leave the Government.

"Hatzofe" was surprised at the sudden withdrawal of Agudat Yisrael. National service cannot be taken seriously as the real reason for this decision. It appears there has been strong internal pressure, mainly from abroad, on the Agudat Yisrael leaders and that the party is returning to their unalienable attitude of the pre-State period and to their negative approach towards the State.

Similar thoughts are expressed by "Omer" (Histadrut), which said that this is less a crisis of the Government and the State, than it is of the patriotism of Agudat Yisrael. Military conditions in the ma'abarot are difficult and infant mortality is on the increase. Nurses are needed and the attitude of Agudat Yisrael is a crime against the people and the State.

"Al Hamishmar" stated that the present crisis made it imperative for the worker to intensify the class struggle.

"Hamodia" (Agudat Israel) said orthodox Jewry, except members of Mizrahi and Hapoel Hamizrahi, have closed their ranks behind their leaders.

"Hatzofe" reiterates its demand that those responsible for placing the bomb in the entrance to the apartment of the late Minister of Communications should be brought to justice. Mrs. Leah Pinkas, his widow, is quoted as saying that non-action by the police might lead to a reign of lawlessness in the country.

West's Oil Supplies Assured if Expansion Programmes Realized

WASHINGTON, Monday. — (USIS). — If the goals of the petroleum expansion programmes now under way in the countries of the free world are realized all their defence and civilian demands for oil are likely to be met in both 1952 and 1953, according to oil experts of the U.S. Petroleum Administration for Defence (PAD).

These oil experts believe the expansion goals will be reached. They point out that more than 90 refinery expansion projects have been started overseas and are expected to be completed by the end of next year, providing for an increase of 400,000 barrels a day annually, or a total gain of 800,000 barrels daily by the end of 1953.

The only petroleum products giving the U.S. oil experts serious concern are aviation gasoline and jet plane fuel. However, the U.S. petroleum companies are cooperating with the Government in measures designed to greatly increase production of both these products. U.S. aviation gasoline output, moreover, has doubled in the last 18 months.

The PAD estimates the free world's oil needs in 1952 at 12,000,000 barrels a day. It expects the supply will be about the same.

At PAD's request, the U.S. Defence Production Administration last April set a goal for foreign refinery expansion. This called for increased capacity of 384,000 barrels daily per year for the years 1952 and 1953, or a total increase of 768,000 barrels daily by the end of 1953. This would make the grand total of foreign refining capacity about 5,800,000 barrels a day.

At the same time, the PAD set a goal for domestic refinery expansion of 500,000 barrels daily per year, raising production capacity from 7,330,000 barrels daily at the end of 1951 to 8,330,000 barrels daily by the end of 1953.

The foreign and domestic refinery expansion goals were established so that equitable allotments of scarce steel and other materials and equipment might be made to oil expansion projects at home and abroad.

Of the total net additional foreign refining capacity planned for the two-year period (with 82% Western Europe leads with 800,000 barrels. The Caribbean area follows with 133,000, Canada with 103,000, other Western Hemisphere nations with 83,000, and other Eastern Hemisphere nations with 82,000.

Approximate foreign capacities in specialized facilities by the end of 1953 as compared with the end of 1951 are as follows: catalytic cracking, 930,000 barrels daily as against 360,000; catalytic reforming, 13,600 as against none; thermal cracking, 90,000 as against 270,000; thermal reforming, 490,000 as against 150,000; and lubricating oil, 74,000 as against 27,000.

According to the American Petroleum Institute, a trade association, American oil companies by the end of this year will have spent $9,430,000,000 on their foreign operations since the close of World War II. This foreign expenditure — plus $17,304,000,000 spent on domestic operations — brings the total capital outlays by American companies for expansion and development to nearly $20,000,000,000 since the end of the war.

The American Petroleum Institute has made the following estimates of outlays by U.S. oil companies:

1945-50	$12,577,500,000
1951	3,370,000,000
1952	4,686,763,000
Total	19,733,767,000
	Domestic
1945-50	$10,735,160,000
1951	2,947,826,000
1952	3,621,799,000
Total	17,304,787,000
	Foreign
1945-50	$1,841,884,000
1951	423,174,000
1952	564,963,000
Total	2,429,020,000

Yanks Hold Their 1½ Game Lead

NEW YORK, Monday (AP).— The New York Yankees maintained their precarious one-and-a-half game lead in the American League battle as veteran Allie Reynolds shut out the Philadelphia Athletics, 1-0. The victory was matched by Bob Lemon's four-hit job over the Detroit Tigers to keep the Cleveland Indians right behind the League-leaders.

In the National League, the Brooklyn Dodgers moved to within one game of clinching the flag with relief star Joe Black excelling in his first starting performance of the season, beating the Boston Braves, 8-2. The Giants dropped six games out of the lead by losing 6-3 to the Philadelphia Phillies.

Intense Nation-Wide Interest in Title Fight

A booming sale of $40 ringside tickets reflects the intense nation-wide interest in tomorrow night's Philadelphia heavyweight title fight between champion Jersey Joe Walcott and Rocky Marciano, the unbeaten challenger. Orders from all parts of the country flooded the offices of the promoters, one of whom said "We will do better than $600,000. I do not know how much better but it may surprise everybody."

"This is the biggest heavyweight promotion since the Joe Louis-Walcott return," he said. "A real old-fashioned heavyweight promotion. It looks like the old days when people from all over the country felt they had to be on hand for a title fight. Maybe it's because of Marciano or maybe because Walcott has finally caught on as the champ. Whatever the reason, it looks big." There will be no home television of the bout but the permitted theatre television chain will extend to California. Motion pictures of the bout will be available the following day.

Another Dempsey-Firpo Bout

While the promoters greet the harvest of greenbacks, the two contestants go through their paces at widely separated points. Walcott, the 38-year-old title holder, is doing his stuff at Atlantic City, where he prepared for his successful defence against Ezzard Charles. Marciano, just past his 28th birthday, is working out at Grossinger's, New York.

After watching both boys, ex-champ, Jack Dempsey predicted another Dempsey-Firpo bout. He would not pick the winner but others have not been so bashful about committing themselves. Although the odds have wavered slightly below the original two to one price favouring Marciano, there is strong support among boxing folks for the holder of the crown.

New World Hammer Throw Record

Norway's Sverre Strandli on Sunday last established a new world record by throwing the hammer 61.35 metres during a Norwegian-Finnish athletic meet at Oslo. The old record of 60.34m. was set by the Hungarian Csermak during the Helsinki Olympics.

Strandli set his world record with his first throw. The other throws were all around the 60 metre mark, the weakest being 58m. Strandli was considered an Olympic favourite before the Helsinki Games, but due to a damaged stomach muscle, was unable to do his best at that time, placing seventh. Until Sunday he had set 16 Norwegian records, won 20 international events and was European champion in 1950.

Aussie Retains World "Dirt Track" Title

Australian Jack Young, riding for West Ham, one of the London Speedway League clubs, retained his world motorcycle "dirt track" speedway championship at the Wembley Stadium in London last Thursday night.

Slight Rise in Pound at Geneva

Another slight rise in the Swiss quotations of the Israel Pound was recorded on the Geneva exchange last week, it rose from 1.80 to 1.85 Swiss francs. (42 cents.) Other quotations on September 19 were:

United States (dollar)	4.31½
Canada (dollar)	4.45
Great Britain (pound)	12.10
France (100 fr.)	1.21½
West. Germany (100 mk.)	93.92
Belgium (100 fr.)	8.72
Holland (100 guilders)	109.50
Sweden (100 kroner)	78.52
Italy (100 lire)	0.67
Austria (100 sch.)	16.70
Czechoslovakia (100 cr.)	1.95
Denmark (100 kr.)	61.00
Norway (100 kr.)	60.00
Egypt (£g. pound)	9.70
Israel (Isr. pound)	1.85
Spain (100 pesetas)	8.45
Portugal (100 escudos)	14.40
Argentina (100 pesos)	21.00
Brazil (100 cruzeiros)	12.00
Turkey (Turk. pound)	9.96

Notices to the Public

UPKEEP OF UNLICENSED RADIOS

The attention of the public is drawn to the fact that the upkeep of an unlicensed radio is regarded as a contravention of the law, and any person found doing so is liable to six months' imprisonment or a fine of up to IL.75, or both.

During the months of April and May, 61 people were fined various sums of money for this contravention.

The Post Office Management will bring to Court any person found by them to be keeping a radio without a licence.

The public is therefore requested to be certain to renew their radio licences or apply for new licences on the right time.

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GOVERNMENT LOANS ADMINISTRATION

Drawing of War Loan (Bearer Bonds) 1949, Second Issue.

The 30th draw of the above loan will take place on Thursday, October 1, 1953 at 9 a.m. at the Chel Shem Hall, 16 Rehov Balfour, Tel Aviv. Entrance free. The public is invited.

GOVERNMENT LOANS ADMINISTRATION

Drawing of War Loan (Bearer Bonds) 1949, Fourth Series.

The 30th draw of the above loan will take place at 9.45 a.m. on Thursday, October 2, at the Chel Shem Hall, 16 Rehov Balfour, Tel Aviv. Entrance free. The public is invited.

TRANSFER OF MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENTS

The Students' Union (until now called "The Students' Liaison Office") which is attached to the Ministry of Education and Culture has transferred its office from Hakirya in Tel Aviv to the Head Office in Jerusalem. Rehov Hanevi'im. Shoshana Gronberg has been appointed Office Manager.

The Kindergarten Department of the Ministry of Education and Culture has temporarily transferred its office to Hakirya, Rehov Bet. No. 21, Tel Aviv.

LIST OF TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY IN JERUSALEM

The Minister's Office — 42781; Food Division, Head Office — 42731; Industry Division, Head Office — 42741; Textile and Leather Section — 42721; Control Division, Head Office — 42391; Accounts Section — 42291; Export Institute — 42791; Internal Supplies and Services — 42791; Building Section — 41918-9; Import Institute for Non-ferrous Ores — 42289-9; Institute for Export, Scrap Building — 4288, 4414; Food Division, Jerusalem District Branch — 4811; Ministry's Offices: Jerusalem District — 4441; Central Division, Jerusalem District — 42231.

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SEPT. 22.	Rise or Fall
Govt. Loans	
3½—1953 (exp.)	100¾ —
—1955 (exp.)	100 —¼
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Pop. Loan	
1949/50 (IL.10)	100½ —
1950/75 (IL.10)	97 —
5½% Issue Dollar	170½ +½
3% Nat. Loan (large)	124½ +½
5. Local Gov. sh.	318 —
A.P.I. Invest.	
4% Debs. 50/70	96 —
4½% Pref. sh.	96 —
Ord. sh. 'B'	110 —
Gen. Mort. Bk.	
4% Debs. 48/63	83½ —
6% Pref. sh.	94 —½
Bizer. Debs.	
4% 46/56	91½ —½
4% 56/65	76½ —½
4½% 52/65 reg.	80½ —½
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5% Pref. sh.	97 —
Pass Debs.	
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P.I.D.C.	
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Ord. sh.	171 +2
5% Debs.	103½ —
Alr.-Pal. Inv. Ord. sh.	133 —1
Rassco 'b'	
4% Debs. 56/63	71 —½
6% Pref. Ord. sh.	93 —
Pal. Potash 6% Pref. sh.	99/- —/-
— "A" Ord. sh.	20/6 —/3
Pal. Elec. Ord. sh. (Isr.)	31/3 —/3
Mekoroth Pref. sh.	69 —
Ata 4% 'C' Pref. sh.	94½ —
Ord. "B" sh.	133½ —
Ata-Bek 4% "B" sh.	105 —
"Tera" Ord. sh.	105 —
Lodzia 4½% Pref. sh.	43 —½
"Kordazek" Ord. "B"	138 —
S.A. Binyan Ord. sh.	99 —
Pal. Constr. Tr.	72½ —
Pal. Bonds 5½	
Ser. 1	94½ +½
Ser. 2	95½ +½
Ser. 3	94½ +½

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Where to go

JERUSALEM

6-7: Jerusalem Biblical Zoo Museum. Sun 15. Feeding time: 3-3 p.m.

6-15: 9-6: Exhibitions "Jewish Amsterdam," in memory of Rembo and Zadok van Vriesland, Jewish Medicine through the Ages (last week). Exhibition of the Master Cantor for synagogue-utensils, Wood Carving, Southern Germany, end of 17th Cent. Lent by Dr. G. Landauer, Jerusalem.

6-15: Art Library Bezalel Museum.

6-6: Archaeological Exhibition, Dept. of Antiquities. Also: Temporary exhibition — Recent acquisitions: 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech.

10-5: Bezalel-by Fayrin.

11.30-12.30 P.m. Shows at Kahn Hayesod Head Office.

HAIFA

6-6.30: Theological and Scientific Library Central Synagogue.

TEL AVIV

5.30: "Arnesic and Old Lace." Chamber Theatre, Mograbi Hall.

10-1, 4-7: Exhibition of Paintings by Arieh Arnold, Katz Gallery, 37 Rehov Dizengoff.

JERUSALEM CINEMAS

ARMON: Bodle Dallas.
EDEN: The Unknown Man. 7 & 9 p.m.
EDISON: Gaslight.
ORION: David & Bathsheba.
STUDIO: The Catalpa.
ZION: The Great Waltz.

Rival Vietnam Quests For U.N. Entry Vetoed

UNITED NATIONS, Monday (Reuter). — The USSR has announced in the Security Council that she would veto applications for membership in the organization by the Indo-Chinese states of Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam.

Mr. Jacob Malik, the Soviet delegate, called these states "puppets" of the French, and urged instead that the Council should admit the "Democratic Government of Vietnam."

Mr. Malik said the French forfeited all their rights in Indo-China in 1940 when they had made an agreement with Japan to let that territory be used in the Japanese war against China.

After a long procedural debate the council voted ten to one to reject the Soviet sponsored application of Vietnam.

Earlier in the week, the Soviet delegate vetoed the Libyan and Japanese applications in retaliation against U.N. refusal to allow "puppet" entry to all countries, whether sponsored by west or east.

Commenting on the Soviet veto of Japan's admission to the U.N., a Japanese Foreign Ministry spokesman stated on Friday that Japan would carry its case before "international opinion."

JEBB AT U.N.

NEW YORK, Monday (AP). — Sir Gladwyn Jebb, Britain's chief representative at the U.N., said on his arrival yesterday from London that he expects the Korean question to be a "big problem" at the General Assembly session which starts on Oct. 14.

Sir Gladwyn was returning from a six-week home leave in England and Scotland during which, he said, he conferred with the Foreign Office on the U.N. agenda.

'Millions in Slave Labour Camps'—State Dept.

WASHINGTON, Monday (Reuter). — The State Department has alleged that slave labourers in Russia and her satellites total "millions."

A report endorsed by President Truman called this "the most extreme violation of human rights on the face of the earth today."

It is a summary of official documents, testimony of refugees, and other evidence prepared for a Fact-Finding Committee of the United Nations and International Labour Organization which met in New York last June and is due to resume hearings next month at Geneva.

The report was put together with the help of the big American union groups, the A.F.L. and the C.I.O., working through the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions.

Swedish Army Asks Greater Fire Power

STOCKHOLM, Monday (SIP). — The Swedish Army has submitted to the Government a new five-year plan, calling for increased firepower.

The scheme foreshadows a reinforcement of heavy, long-range artillery and a continued modernization of light artillery.

Infantry units will be equipped with an increased number of 12-cm. trench mortars, and a novel light machine-gun, in addition to new short-range anti-tank weapons. A new 15-cm. Bofors gun is to be incorporated in the territorial AA artillery, while the re-equipment of the field AA artillery with modern guns will proceed according to schedule. Obsolete tanks are to be replaced by automotive long-range anti-tank guns, while a new type of infantry cannon is to be introduced.

To increase the mobility of the Army units, new types of standard and cross-country vehicles will be added. Radio and telemeter equipment is to be gradually renewed and the procurement scheme also includes radar for AA and other artillery units.

SHIPS IN HAIFA PORT ON MONDAY

Y. Claudia, Is., Wheat, Yafo, Is., Gen. Cargo. S. Fold, Is., Compl. Unloading. Naphtali, Is., Compl. Unloading. A. Grosetz, Is., Gen. Cargo. Ella, Fin., Gen. Cargo. Bonario, It., Wood. Nader, Is., Compl. Unloading. Malissa, Tur., Waiting for Export. Alsair, It., Wood. General, Is., Barks.

SHIPS EXPECTED

22.9 C. Heights, Malas. Hay.
26.9 Kina, Cyprus.
1.10 Nassira, Cyprus.
4.10 Puranfleet, Cyprus.

Stolen Cloth Recovered Within 24 Hours

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Lining cloth valued at IL.2,900 was stolen from the shop of Yosef Kapitoni, at 27 Rehov Merkaz Mishari here on Thursday, and recovered by the C.I.D. on the following day. According to police, Kapitoni had immediately informed all the merchants in his trade about the theft and one of the merchants reported an offer of the lining several hours later. A suspect was arrested.

A quantity of towels valued at IL.400, which was stolen on Thursday night from a shop at 6 Rehov Bar Yochai here, was also recovered last Friday in an orange grove in Abu Kebir. A suspect was detained.

'ISRAEL DAY' AT BARI INTERNATIONAL FAIR

BARI, Sept. 21 (By Mail) (ITIM). — The first "Israel Day" of the "Borsa Scambi" (Exchange Mart) at the Bari fair was held here today. The Mart is a regular feature of the International Fair, at which representatives of each participating country hold a special meeting to discuss trade matters with potential customers.

At the first such day arranged for the Israel exhibition, 27 businessmen from a number of countries attended the meeting. Most of them were interested in selling Israel various types of machinery.

The demand for Israel goods, as shown by enquiries at the Israel pavilion, has so far been slack. This is partly due to the fact that Italian trade with dollar countries is restricted, and for the purposes of Italian trade Israel is regarded as a "dollar country".

India's Vice-President To Tour Europe, M.E.

NEW DELHI, Monday (AP).— Vice-President Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan is leaving Bombay on Wednesday for an eight-week tour of the Middle East and Europe. He will return to India on November 23.

Sources close to him said: "This is more in the nature of a goodwill tour and not any special mission." They denied Indian press speculation that Premier Nehru is sending him on an assignment.

Radhakrishnan, who is Chairman of the UNESCO Executive Committee, will attend the November session of UNESCO General Council in Paris. Enroute to Paris he will visit Cairo, Rome, Geneva, Berne, Basle, Cologne, London and Paris.

Biggest Atomic Explosion Scheduled

CHAPEL HILL, North Carolina, Monday (Reuter). — The greatest explosion in history will take place during the American atomic weapons tests this autumn, it was stated here last week.

Announcing this, the Acting-Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission declined to say whether the tests at the mid-Pacific Eniwetok Atoll would involve the first hydrogen bomb.

The explosion would be a "stationary one" and no large military equipment such as warships would be blown up.

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ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME

NEWS: Hebrew 7 a.m., 7.30, 12.05, 1.30, 6.15, 8.30 & 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 6.30 a.m., 2.15 & 6.30 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 8.30 Close Down.

10.00 a.m. Music While You Work (R). 11.00 Violin Programme. 11.30 Wind Instruments (R). 11.40 Housewives' Corner. 12.02 Programme for Hospitals (R). 12.30 At the Opera (R). 1.45 Break for Music (R). 3.00 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Variety. 4.45 Music (R). 5.20 Agricultural Corner. 5.30 Language Corner. 5.45 Children's Hour. 7.00 Variety. 7.05 Programme Announcements. 7.10 "Voice, Instrument and Orchestra" (R). 7.35 Sports. 7.45 Noah's Ark. 8.34 Bible Reading. 8.45 Newsreel. 9.00 "Kol Yisrael" Orchestra. Conductor: George Singer. Soloist: Yehoshua Zohar: Symphony No. 2 (Beethoven); "David & Goliath" (Starkov); "Mediterranean Sinfonietta" (Arideon); "Kaneseth" (Lavry). 10.30 Requests (R). 11.05 Close Down.

1.00 a.m. "Sirkot." 2.00 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

440, 285, 217, 41.9 M.

English News: 1.45 p.m., 10.45 p.m. French: 2.00 p.m.

4.00 p.m. Chamber Music (R). 5.00 Programme for Yemenites. 5.30 Second Temple Period Literature. 5.50 Science Studio (R). 6.00 Cooperative Cooperatives. 6.15 Close Down.

Immigrant's Hour (33.5, 41.9 & 440 M.): French 4.30 p.m. Ladino 7.00 p.m. Yiddish: 7.30 p.m.

Kol Zion Lagola (33.5 M.): 11.15 Newsreel. 11.30 "The Man in the Street." 11.45 Vocal Recital: Brocha Zohar.

ARMY PROGRAMME: (44.5, 216, 225 & 239 M.): 4.30 Opening. 4.35 Songs. 7.40 Musical Dictionary. 7.50 Today's Events. 7.55 Interlude. 7.45 Noah's Ark. 8.30 News. 8.45 "Nocturne." 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

VOICE OF AMERICA: Hebrew Programme: 9-9.30 p.m. (13, 16, 19 & 25 M.): "Not in the Headlines."

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (24.92 & 31.51 M.): 7.30 p.m. News. 7.40 Newsreel. 7.55 Israelis at Work. 8.00 Science Lesson.

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Tiberias	93	34	37	36
Haifa Port	89	32	30	29
Nathanya	87	33	30	29
Rehovot	96	34	31	30
Tel Aviv Port	87	30	28	28
Lydda Airport	93	36	33	32
Jerusalem	89	29	32	31
Beersheba	92	35	33	33
Forecast: Fair.				

*At timestate of 1 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday D) Maxim temp expected today.

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PASSENGERS ABOARD the T.W.A. plane which arrived at Lydda yesterday included two Soviet diplomatic couriers and a U.S. courier.

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CHARGED WITH lying before a Rabbinical Court when she claimed that she had never been married before, Rivka Cohen, of Givat Aliya in Tel Aviv, was detained yesterday and later released by a magistrate on IL.100 bail.

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PROPERTY VALUED at more than IL.300 was stolen during Rosh Hashana from the "Model School" in the Baka'a quarter of Jerusalem.

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PRUNING OF tree branches for the decoration of Succot booths should be done only by expert gardeners, the Ministry of Agriculture advised yesterday. Only older and taller trees should be cut.

OBITUARY

Sir Montague Burton

LEEDS, Monday. — Sir Montague Burton, 67-year old head of a £15m. clothing firm, collapsed and died last night at a Rosh Hashana party for friends at his home in Harrogate, near here.

When he began his business with £100 while still in his teens, freshly arrived from Lithuania, he said, "Some day I will make miners dress like bank clerks." He became known in almost every town in Britain, and also spread abroad as he established his chain of shops supplied from modern factories.

During World War II, Burton was among the principal suppliers of uniforms to the British Army.

An Appreciation

Sir Montague, knighted in 1931, was a philanthropist and a benefactor of Jewish education. A steady contributor to Palestine Funds, he was one of the first 12 members of the General Council of the Weizmann Institute Foundation in Great Britain. He endowed the chair of International Relations at the Hebrew University, the chair bearing the name of Dr. Chaim Weizmann and held by Prof. Norman Bentwich.

This was one of 10 such lectureships in as many universities established by Sir Montague Burton, mostly in Britain. Through a grant of £10,000, Sir Montague also endowed a Modern Hebrew chair at Leeds University, and, in addition, 10 Haim Nahman Bialik scholarships for graduate and undergraduate study at the Hebrew University.

Sir Montague is survived by his wife, three sons, and a daughter.

Eliahu Olswanger

News of the death in New York of Dr. Eliahu Olswanger, on Rosh Hashana, reached Jerusalem last night. Dr. Olswanger was the executive director of the World Jewish Health Organization, OSE, and functioned in a public and literary capacity in Berlin, Paris, London, and New York. His brother is Emanuel Olswanger, of Jerusalem.

Kibbutz Man Killed In Fall from Tractor

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Yitzhak Ben Ephraim, 20, of Kibbutz Nachshon, near Ramle, was killed today when he fell off the rear of a tractor driven by Nisen Shapira, also of the kibbutz.

The body was taken to Sarafand Hospital. Mr. Ben Ephraim is survived by his wife.

BURNED TO DEATH

TEL AVIV, Monday.—Hussein Abdalla, 18, was burned to death in an Arab village near Nazareth yesterday when his clothes caught fire from a primus. His body was taken to the Nazareth hospital.

FOOD POISONING

Four persons suffering from food poisoning were admitted to Sha'arei Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem during Rosh Hashana. They are Ya'acov Jiball, 44; his wife, Miriam; their daughter, Amalia, 9; and Yehuda Zarabi, of Tel Aviv, a guest. (Flim)

LABOUR EXCHANGE AGAINST DOLE

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The General Labour Exchange would not encourage demands for a dole for unemployed, but would rather try to transfer workers to essential industries or agriculture, Mr. Z. Milstein, the new Secretary-General of the Exchange, told members of the Board on Friday. He was referring to an item in a recent issue of "Al Hamishmar," the Mapam daily, which advocated a system of pecuniary aid to unemployed.

RATION NEWS

JERUSALEM — Potatoes 2 kilos. Meh 7. Onions 2.5 grams. Meh 12, temporary, 6b, points 4, 6, 9.

TEL AVIV — Carp 150 grams. Mem 37, temporary, 61. Meat 150 grams. Gimel 7, temporary, 56. Rations for 60 persons: Meat 500 grams. Het Gimel 12, margarine, 100 grams. Het Aleph 1, Het Bet 12, Het Gimel 13 wax. 5. Het Bet 13 & Het Aleph 14 & Het Gimel 12. For persons not taking meat cpns. 3, Gimel 25, at sick ration stations.

Nahal Fulfils Main Task in 3 Years

Jerusalem POST Bureau

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Aluf-Mishneh Moshe Netzer, O.C. Nahal command, said today that in three years Nahal had been able to fulfil its main task: creating cadres for agricultural border settlements. He was speaking at a press conference here on the eve of a Nahal conference starting "somewhere in Israel" tonight.

Many Nahal men continued to serve their second year of military service in agricultural settlements, either as civilians or as soldiers living in border farms. The Nahal command is considering the establishment of more border farms in the future, Aluf-Mishneh Netzer said.

Nahal units which took part in the recent Army manoeuvres received praise for their military training, he added.

Today's conference marks the third anniversary of the establishment by the Knesset of Nahal, and the fourth anniversary of the first experiment with Gadna youth to form the "Pioneering and Fighting Youth," destined to establish the much-needed border settlements. It was that experiment which led to the Knesset legislation under which the Nahal became a formation of the Army in which every conscript soldier is supposed to receive, in his first year of service, an agricultural as well as a military training.

The conference is taking place in a tented camp especially established for the purpose. The programme includes sport events, a reunion round bonfires, exhibitions showing the progress of Nahal and a rally at which the Prime Minister and the Deputy Chief of Staff are scheduled to appear.

Beersheba Police to Hold First Year Celebration

BEERSHEBA, Monday. — The police station here will celebrate its first anniversary tomorrow with a festive parade in the local station.

The Beersheba station has developed within the past year from a police post with a few men to a large self-sufficient station with four officers and a strong contingent of men.

During the year the station opened two subsidiary posts, one in Elath and the other in the complex of Imara village.

Schweitzer Hospital Halves Capacity

TIBERIAS, Monday. — Due to a shortage of nurses, the Schweitzer Hospital is to be restricted to 40 beds instead of 80, it was learned today.

More than 20 of 83 nurses have left either for military service or because of poor lodging conditions. The operating room is to be closed unless another nurse joins the staff.

There are only two qualified nurses at the hospital, one of whom conducts a course for 24 practical nurses. Half the students have left in the middle of their year's training.

The children department of the hospital (about 25 beds) has not had a permanent doctor since it opened two years ago, since no pediatrician has agreed to settle in Tiberias. Doctors are sent from Haifa for two-month periods.

T.A. BATHERS MISTAKE DOLPHINS FOR SHARKS

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The rare sight here of five 2-3 metre long dolphins, gliding in and out of shallow water not more than 20 metres off-shore, opposite Rehov Gordon, startled a group of bathers into shouts of "sharks".

Within seconds, the sea was empty of bathers and a lively argument followed over what sort of fish they were. The decisive opinion was that of one of the fishermen who frequent the shore. He said they were dolphins, harmless to human beings, which were attracted by the large schools of fish which came close in-shore when the sea is very calm, as it was this morning.

Hundreds to Comb Petah Tikva Area for Missing Infant

Jerusalem POST Staff

PETAH TIKVA, Monday. — Every inch of ground in Petah Tikva was searched by police and volunteers today for traces of three-year-old Moshe Shimon, who disappeared yesterday morning from outside the synagogue in which his father was praying, together with other followers of the Rabbi from Gur. Up to this evening no trace of the infant had been found.

A party of 450 policemen is to undertake a meticulous search of the whole Petah Tikva area tomorrow, from Kiryat Matalon in the South to the Yarkon in the North and from Yahud village to Herzlia. Particular attention will be paid to the area along the banks of the Yarkon river.

A nine-year old girl reported to the police today that she had seen a young boy answering the broadcast description of Moshe, crying near Kfar Avraham, near the road to Rosh Ha'ayin, at midday yesterday.

The boy had gone with his father to synagogue. They live in Pardess Soloweig, near the heavy industry centre here. Moshe played outside with other boys, while his father attended the service in the Evi Hall here. After the service at about 11 o'clock Moshe could not be found, and the police were informed.

Students of the local yeshiva volunteered to help in the search last night, and today police tracking dogs were brought to the scene, but could not pick up the scent. Mobile police cars with loudspeakers toured the town today, asking householders to search their cellars and nearby empty lots for Moshe.

The cars also cruised around citrus groves in the neighbourhood, shouting for the infant, but no answer was received. Moshe's mother toured with the police today.

The missing boy, who has two brothers, has blue eyes, is auburn and about for his age. When he disappeared he was wearing brown trousers held up by braces, a white shirt and brown ankle-high boots.

Boys, Who Went To Pick Figs, Missing

BEERSHEBA, Monday. — David Twersky, 22, and his 19-year-old brother Avrech, were today reported missing from Moshav Yashin, 10 kilometres north of here, since last Friday morning.

The brothers went to an abandoned Arab village near their moshav to pick figs and have not been seen since.

INFANT STRANGLES SELF IN COT

RAMLE, Monday (ITIM). — Returning home from Rosh Hashana services yesterday, Mrs. Ben Avraham found her six-month old son Moshe strangled.

The boy had stuck his head between two bars of his cot while there was no one at home.

Pashia Eishl, 7, was severely injured here yesterday when she was hit by a motorcycle driven by Alter Ewig, of Nes Ziona. The girl was taken to Bellinson Hospital and the driver was detained.

J'lem Council Meeting Put off Till Tonight

Jerusalem POST Reporter

The scheduled meeting yesterday of the Jerusalem Municipal Council to elect a Mayor failed to be held when the opposition parties did not appear. Another meeting has been called for this evening.

The opposition groups, consisting of Mapai, Mapam, Progressives, Hapoel Hamizrahi and Poalei Agudat Yisrael, did not attend the meeting because of a session they held to discuss the choice of a candidate. The effort of last week to get support for Dr. Walter Abeles, Progressive Councillor, apparently failed. The new choice is reportedly Mr. Mordechai Friedman, of the Histadrut Secretariat in the capital. Further discussions are to be held today prior to the Council meeting.

At yesterday's Council meeting, Acting Mayor E. Eliasher, noting that a quorum was not present, charged that the city opposition (Mapai, Mapam and Progressives) had apparently kidnapped two officials of the Labour Exchange and locked the door.

This was an obvious reference to the adhesion to the opposition of Mr. M. Gewirtsman of Hapoel Hamizrahi and Mr. Y. M. Klein, lehrer of Poalei Agudat Yisrael, both of whom are connected with the Labour Exchange. The two men later ridiculed the accusation, adding that such remarks "hardly became an Acting Mayor and a Knesset Member who also aspires to the Mayoral office."

Port Workers Resume Cooperation With U.N. Efficiency Expert

HAIFA, Monday. — The Port Workers' Committees have decided to resume their cooperation with Dr. Boris Stern, U.N. efficiency expert, now attempting to rationalize port operations, and the Efficiency Committee's work will be resumed tomorrow.

The workers' representatives informed Dr. Stern last Wednesday that they were suspending cooperation with him, and accused him of having made unfounded charges against the foremen and Workers Committee, following the "I like Adfit" strike by about 100 stevedores ten day ago.

This morning the Port Workers Committees met with Mr. A. Gilat, Histadrut Executive representative, who had come here to investigate the dispute, and Labour Council Secretary Mr. Y. Almogi.

"The Port Workers, their secretariat, and the Workers Council were always sincerely interested in attaining efficiency and the sudden attempt to blame them raised understandable indignation," the Haifa Labour Council stated here this evening. "Nevertheless the workers accepted the advice of the Histadrut Executive and the Labour Council to renew their participation in the efficiency committee," the statement added.

"The return of the workers' representative to the Efficiency Committee does not solve a single problem in the Port," Dr. Stern announced this evening. "I am still waiting for the Government to tell me what to do and I am waiting for Dr. S. Carlson, resident representative of U.N. in Israel, to return from Geneva and to give a hand in getting my difficulties."

The main stumbling block was that the Port Workers Union has refused to recognize the existing consolidation of the three separate stevedoring companies. The recent wavering strike in itself was merely a confirmation of their refusal. The formation of permanent gangs, indispensable to higher productivity, has been a chief feature of the continued opposition of separate stevedore elements in those who had refused to identify themselves with the other members, Dr. Stern said.

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Oil Seed Crop Tripled in Year

WASHINGTON, Monday (UP). —The Agricultural Department announced today that Israel's production of vegetable oil seeds during 1951-52 is estimated at 16,200 short tons, almost three times the amount produced in the previous year.

It said the Israel Government's immediate goal was to cultivate 44,000 acres of ground nuts and about 2,200 tons of olive oil.

The report added that "with the total irrigated lands in Israel now standing at approximately 85,000 acres and olive cultivation taken up by local farmers only with the greatest reluctance, it seems unlikely that the Government's objective will be attained in the near future."

Israel Citizen Beaten, Kidnapped in Libya

LYDDA AIRPORT, Monday (ITIM). — An Israel citizen who returned to his former home in Libya in order to wind up his affairs, was reportedly taken off the plane which was to have brought him back to Israel, beaten up and taken to an unknown destination, it was learned here today.

The man, Mr. H. Kalhoun, came here two years ago and returned to Libya three months ago. When he boarded the L.A.I. plane at Castel Benito last week on his way to Rome and Israel, airport officials, hearing that he was in possession of an Israel passport, dragged him off the plane, beat him up and took him away.

It is understood that re-entry into Libya by former residents who have emigrated from there is forbidden.

Court Complaint On Wadi Ara Incident

HAIFA, Monday. — The Civil Liberties Union of Tel Aviv, has filed a complaint and asked for an investigation that might bring to trial the "murderers" of four Arabs, who lost their lives during the border incident in a village in Wadi Ara, last June.

The "planned and dastardly murder" by men in khaki had been discussed by the Knesset, and the Prime Minister admitted it as a "mistake." Two Knesset members, Dr. H. Rubin, and the former Justice Minister, Dr. P. Rosen, have asked for an enquiry, but none has yet been held, nor has anyone been detained, the statement continues.

The complainants say they do not know the names or addresses of the "murderers" and the authorities had allegedly refused to give the information. Only by a court enquiry could the guilty be discovered. The villagers had reportedly been intimidated from taking action and the complainants ask the examining magistrate to open a preliminary enquiry with a view to bringing those responsible to book on a murder charge.

Messrs. R. Nuhlmovsky, L. Milner and Y. Shvo represent the complainants.

Fined and Jailed For Resisting Inspectors

NAZARETH, Monday. — For resisting forcibly the confiscation of 270 cases of soup in Mughar, near Tiberias, four villagers received fines from IL.100 to IL.300 and two to four-month prison sentences, and an elderly woman was fined IL.300 at a Summary Military Court session here today.

The soup was found in the possession of Khalil Abu Jamb during a search made by Nazareth food inspectors on September 2. Eight villagers were brought to trial, and three were acquitted.

Mr. Ali Zubi defended.

Review of Fares To Await New Minister

The Ministry of Communications will not discuss any requests for the increase of public transportation rates before a new Minister is appointed to fill the post of the late Mr. D.Z. Pinkas, Ministry sources said in Jerusalem yesterday.

Taxi as well as bus companies have asked for the approval of higher fares.

NEWSPRINT PRICES IN U.S. RISE

NEW YORK, Monday (UP). — The Great Northern Paper Company today announced a $7 per ton increase in the price of newsprint, effective from the first of next month. The highest increase in newsprint prices since June, it now brings the price to $123 in New York.

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Libya's King Objects To 'Egypt's Lessons'

CAIRO, Monday (UP). — The former Secretary General of the Arab League, Abdul Rahman Azzam, said last night that what happened in Egypt may be a lesson to other Arab states.

The statement has already caused a protest from King Idris, ex-ruler of Libya, the Middle East's newest monarchy.

Private Sector Gets More From Outside Than Co-ops

For every IL.1 invested in local currency in enterprises approved according to the Foreign Investment Encouragement Law by the private sector, IL.3.13 was invested in foreign capital; in the collective sector the ratio was only IL.1 to 290 pruta from abroad. These figures are based on data collected by the Investment Centre, it was learned in Jerusalem yesterday.

By August 31, 1952, 747 projects had been registered as "approved enterprises." The total capital involved amounted to IL.59.2m. from local sources and $143m. from abroad.

Of these 747 enterprises, 253 were already in production, 209 were under construction, and 286 in the preliminary stages. In August, 12 enterprises started production as compared to 13 in July.

The number of enterprises in the collective sector was 46 and were all approved before February, when the official exchange rate was IL.1 to $2.80. On the same date there were 579 approved enterprises in the private sector.

Capital in private enterprises amounted to IL.72.2m. including IL.28.2m. from abroad. In the collective sector, the total involved was IL.18m., including IL.2.8m. from abroad.

Further Grant Money Expected in October

A second sum of the U.S. grant-in-aid may be released late next month, it was learned in Jerusalem after a meeting yesterday between Mr. Bruce McDaniel, Grant-in-Aid Administrator, and Mr. Eliud Avriel, Director-General of the Ministry of Finance.

Regarding the local currency counterpart funds, it was understood that Washington has not yet made a decision on the principle of further releases at the present stage. When the first and only release of IL4.5m. in counterpart money was made several weeks ago, it was pointed out that this was only an ad hoc measure which would not affect the question of principle.

Mr. McDaniel, accompanied by members of the Grants Department of the Ministry of Finance, is scheduled to tour the Northern area, including Haifa and Tiberias to see how the counterpart funds are being used in construction investments.

Released Nazareth Teachers Charged

NAZARETH, Monday. — Released on IL.100 bail from a Tiberias jail today, the seven Arab teachers protesting their dismissal from school here, ended their strike. As a result of their 10-day sit-down in a Ministry of Education office, they have been charged with occupying a Government office and hindering the employees.

Thirty delegates of a committee to defend the expelled teachers have been appointed to meet with the Mayor of Nazareth. Only Communist-sponsored unions and institutions are represented on the committee.

A spokesman of the Israel Labour League (Histadrut), to which the teachers are affiliated, through their union stated that the strike had been exploited politically by the Communists. The Central Committee of the Arab Teachers Union, to which the teachers belong, decided on September 11 to remain neutral in the issue.

Israel-Jordan MAC Move into New H.Q.

The Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission yesterday moved into their new headquarters, the "Armenian House," in no-man's-land near Mandelbaum Gate in Jerusalem.

For the past three months, following the "oil drum" incident, M.A.C. meetings were held out in the open in no-man's-land near Mandelbaum Gate. After the drum was taken by Jordan from the Mt. Scopus convoy and placed in the former headquarters building, Israel guards were stationed there. Jordan therefore refused to enter the building.

A temporary approach for Israel delegates to the new headquarters has been built. Furniture and office equipment was moved into the house yesterday. The house has separate entrances for Israel and Jordan representatives. (Ilm)

Thieves Took A Holiday

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Police here reported today that no flats had been broken into during the New Year holidays although many persons left home. There are usually numerous thefts during holidays.

A cosmetics shop at 137 Rehov Dizengoff here was broken into last night through a skylight and goods valued at IL.2,000 were stolen. Police said that the window was only large enough for a child to pass through.

Argov Released For Income Tax Post

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The Tel Aviv Municipality has informed Finance Minister Levi Eshkol that it would grant a three-month leave of absence to its Treasurer, Mr. B. Argov, to allow him to take a temporary post as Income Tax Commissioner, it was learned here today.

Mr. Argov is expected to assume the new position on October 1 after his appointment earlier this month which was to have become effective on August 18, but had been delayed by municipal objections to release him.

Right Gains in Sweden

STOCKHOLM, Monday (UP). — The Conservative Party scored strong gains in yesterday's parliamentary elections, while the Communists suffered a sharp setback on the basis of complete unofficial returns today. The Conservatives gained seven new seats giving them a total of 30. Their victory was at the expense of the Social Democrat and the Agrarian parties both of which form the present Government.

Premier Tage Erlander's Social Democrats lost three seats giving them a total of 109, and the Agrarians lost three leaving them 27. The Communists who had eight seats now have five.

This will be the first time in 12 years that the Rightist parties told a majority in the Riksdag. It was estimated that 78 per cent of the voters participated, or about six per cent less than in 1948.

Premier Erlander said today, "The outcome of the election is perhaps not such a great surprise if one considers the rising cost-of-living. It is usually the Government party which has to take the setbacks in an election when prices go up. Parliamentary changes can hardly be expected after today's results."

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Spain Demands U.S. Arms

PHILADELPHIA, Monday (Reuter). — The Spanish Ambassador to the U.S., S. Jose Felix Lequerica, said today that current negotiations for American bases in Spain could be successful only if the U.S. gave Spain military equipment.

"These negotiations can only be successful if Spain like others can receive assistance in the form of military equipment," he said in a speech at Villanova College here where he received an honorary degree of Doctor of Law.

The U.S. had been reported in April as prepared to provide Spain with military, technical and economic aid to help rehabilitate the country and modernize the Spanish armed forces in return for use of bases.

In July, officials in Washington said Spain additionally wanted a free hand on how the money was to be spent, a very large amount of military aid, and guarantees interpreted as a virtual alliance, before granting use of the bases.

The State Department has recently told Spain that these demands would have to scaled down if an agreement were to be reached.

Bishop, Priests On Trial in Sofia

LONDON, Monday (Reuter). — Sofia Radio today reported the opening of the trial of a Catholic Bishop and a number of priests accused of spying for the Vatican "in preparation for an imperialist war against the Soviet Union."

The indictment said 28 of 40 agents in Bulgaria were Catholic priests and they met in secret in Catholic churches and "certain diplomatic representations in Sofia" to draft "criminal plans."

A former French military attache in Sofia was said to have put at their disposal two portable radio transmitters to send information abroad. The indictment said a series of trials of similar organizations in Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Rumania showed that the threads of all these plots lead to the Vatican.

The indictment named Bishop Shishkov, head of the Catholic Diocese of Nikopol. Others named were Major Marcel Simy, former French military attache; Marcel Peireron, former French consul; Josip Macciolo, former Vatican representative in Sofia, and his successor, Dan Francesco Calloni.

Flash Flood Kills 25

CONSTANTINE, Algeria (UP). —More than 25 persons were drowned by a flash flood that swept Tebessa on the Tunisian border last night. The Zarour River was turned into a raging torrent.

Chaplin Says He Will Return to U.S.

CHERBOURG, Monday (UP). — Charlie Chaplin said today that he had "no political convictions," and that he intended to return to the U.S. despite the Washington move to bar his return. "The Attorney General's action will make no difference in my plans," Chaplin said to some 40 reporters and photographers in the garden lounge of the Queen Elizabeth, which brought the comedian back to Europe for the first time since 1931.

"So far I have been treated with the utmost courtesy by the United States immigration office," Chaplin declared. "In fact they wished me bon voyage, and said they hoped I would soon return."

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Cables in Brief

STRIKE. — Planning to shut workers at the Bromley pottery here, made at Yehiam power, responsible to the press on under proposed amending bill during a new Knesset session. Bill date under and the Israel Manufacturers' Association.

HOUSING. — About 250 delegates from 30 countries are attending the World International Congress of the Federation of Housing and Town Planning, which officially opened in Lisbon yesterday.

MANCHESTER. — Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Europe, will be made a Freeman of the City of Manchester, when he has finished the inspection of the Third British Army, Hebrew Radio reported.

SALISBURY. — Thousands saw a dazzling parade given in honour of Queen Elizabeth, as Salisbury opened ceremonial evening. It was visible for about six seconds. Eight minutes later a dust cloud finished, as the crowd, going to a different direction.

SURGERY. — Surgical operations will be televised in colour at the annual meeting of the American College of Surgeons which opened in New York yesterday. A television circuit will connect operating rooms at the Columbia Presbyterian Medical Centre and viewing rooms in the Belmont Plaza Hotel.

PROTEST. — The Rumanian Foreign Ministry has protested to Yugoslavia against alleged frontier incidents. The agency refers to two frontier incidents on September 13, saying that in both cases, Yugoslav guards opened fire on Rumanian guards.

POSTPONEMENT. — The Yugoslav Communist Party Congress has been postponed from October 9 to November 2 because "leading personalities are particularly occupied with plans which have considerably accelerated of late."

STUDENTS. — Between 30 and 40 Jewish students are now attending the Universities of Munich, Heidelberg and Berlin.

REDISTRIBUTION. — A total of 6,500 acres of land were distributed to 914 Negroes throughout the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico during the week-end under the agrarian reform programme, raising the number of cases so far distributed to 181,494 with 18,350 farmers receiving land.

VISIT. — Iraqi Defence Minister Shakir Mohamed el Wadi left by plane for Rome on Sunday from Baghdad for a three-day visit.

ATOMIC. — Russia's leading atomic scientist Dr. W. G. Penney and five other British and Australian scientists left for the Monte Bello Islands on the Australian frigate, Hawkesbury, late Sunday night.

SPEAKERS. — Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and Dr. Ralph Bunche will be among the main speakers at the five-day International Conference on Asian Affairs opening in New York today.

Larceny Case Every 26 Seconds in U.S.

WASHINGTON, Monday (Reuter). A substantial increase in major crime in the U.S. over the first half of this year was reported here last night by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in its half-yearly report.

Statistics based on reports from local police departments showed that 1,022,209 major crimes were committed during the first six months of 1952. Murders in cities increased by 10.2 percent with last year, but dropped 7.3 percent in rural areas.

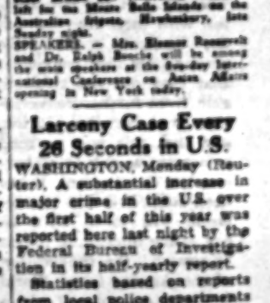
"On the average day during this period one larceny was committed every 26 seconds; a car theft every 2.43 minutes, an aggravated assault every 4.32 minutes and a rape approximately every half hour. Every 4.6 minutes, there was a crime of murder, manslaughter, rape or assault to kill."

All these crimes except rape increased substantially during the first six months of 1952. More 18-year olds were arrested in the first half of this year than any other age group. Last year, the predominant age group was 21.

Heat Holds up Harvest Of Late Tomatoes

TIBERIAS, Monday. — Extreme heat in August and September has delayed the harvesting of 80 per cent of the late tomatoes planted in the Jordan Valley.

Following successful experiments last year Jordan Valley settlers planted 2,000 dunams with Moneymaker and Exhibition varieties of tomatoes which ripen in November. The crop is destined for Great Britain and the Netherlands, and is part of a plan for developing Israel's trade with Northern Europe.



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GOVERNMENT BY COALITION

THE weekly meeting of the Cabinet, today, will be held in the absence of the Minister of Social Welfare who, together with the Deputy Minister of Education resigned on the eve of Rosh Hashana, after their Parties, Agudat Israel and Poalei Agudat Israel, had decided to withdraw from the coalition. The action of Rabbi Levin and Rabbi Kahane was not unexpected, but its timing has caused some surprise, since the Knesset is not due to meet before November and no important decisions seem to be effing in the interval. The flight of the two Parties, with their five seats in the Knesset, might have sprung from their conviction that they did not stand to gain from further conversations with Mr. Ben Gurion, and that this was as good a moment as any to embarrass the Government. It has been suggested that the decision was taker with an eye to the impending fourth "Knessiah," the convocation of the Agudat Israel World Organization, some of whose more vociferous protagonists abroad have never been keen on the Aguda collaborating with the Government of Israel.

The immediate cause of the resignations must be sought in the conflict over national service of girls whose parents, for religious reasons, object to it. One need not take too seriously the outburst of an Agudah leader who tries to manipulate the local forces from an office in London and who is reported to have stated in a public speech in Jerusalem that military service for women was contrary to three of the "Seven Laws of the Bons of Noah," prohibiting immorality, bloodshed, and idolatry. This particular speaker only made himself guilty of blasphemy — another of the Seven Sins. The fact is that, in the later stages of the controversy, the ultra-orthodox were no longer concerned with the principle of women's service as such but only with that of girls of their own ranks. Their argument amounts to nothing less than an insult to all the many daughters of religious families obeying the call of the country. It is, moreover, illogical — to say the least — to object to national service in any form, not necessarily of a military nature in the strict sense of the word, while accepting equality of man and woman in other civic fields, such as elections or employment in public service.

It is perhaps as well that events have taken this course. The challenge in its present form was never more than a marriage of convenience, and more often than not, the fate of this uneasy alliance was in the balance. Although Mr. Ben Gurion's patience and tolerance could overcome differences from time to time, it was to be foreseen that sooner or later there would be an open rift. The reason is clear enough; whereas Mizrahi was, from its inception, a Zionist body, Agudat Israel always was anti-Zionist and could never — according to its own lights — accept the State of Israel without mental reservations.

Barring new elections, there seems to be only one way out of the present impasse, if the balance of forces in the Knesset is not to be at the mercy of splinter parties. It has become increasingly manifest that, for reasons of internal policy as well as with a view to strengthening the bonds with Jewry abroad, a broader coalition should be formed; and it is encouraging that "Davar," speaking for Mapai, takes this line. Assuming the two Mizrahi groups to remain, a firmer basis can only be found by the General Zionists and the Progressives coming in and taking part of the load. Recent developments in our coalition policy seem to indicate that the main differences are not over matters of stern principle. However that may be, no government by coalition is possible without some degree of compromise. No one familiar with the Party programmes involved will under-estimate the difficulties of finding a common platform. But everybody will agree that, with all allowance for the legitimate claims of minorities, a strong and stable Government is required for the establishment and consolidation of the State.

DEBT TO RUSSIA PAID IN FULL

Finland's Reparations on the Dot

By E. MICHAEL SALZER

HELSINKI.—

THE last reparations train has left Helsinki for Leningrad. Finnish railwaymen, who had handled so many similar deliveries — trains to Soviet Russia — to be precise, 342,780 wagons in the last eight years — had good reason to feel proud as they watched the trucks, loaded with machinery and tools marked "War Debts," pull slowly away. This was a great moment in the postwar life of their country. For once again, Finland has lived up to her reputation of paying her debts — a reputation shared by few nations of the world.

With a sigh of relief, the nation greeted the announcement that, strictly according to plan, the last Finnish war debt delivery to Russia, in the form of a dozen small fishing vessels, would be finally settled on the stipulated date, September 19, 1952. There were no formal celebrations; but in many of the factories, specially built to accommodate the production machinery necessary to fulfil the programme, the workers jubilantly hugged each other, and in restrained but obviously proud reports, the Finnish press explains the formidable feat.

Eight years ago, defeated Finland was forced by Moscow to pay the price for her audacity in waging war on the neighbouring colossus, a war which to most Finns had the flavour of a fight for liberation — although it was waged at the side of Germany and thus, unwillingly, against the Allies. The western countries, however, never took Finland to task and waived all claims on reparations.

Russian Strategy

When the present Finnish Republic was founded, Soviet Russia hesitated to incur the risks of occupying a country well suited to guerrilla warfare. Instead, the Russians grasped vitally important areas of Finnish territory: Karelia in the South and Petsamo in the north. They occupied the enclave of Porkkala, a gunshot from the Finnish capital, thus cutting the main direct railway link with the west and also commanding the entrance into Helsinki port. Then they exacted the price of independence: the Finns were to pay reparations over a period of years, in raw materials and manufactured goods, minutely detailed in type and quality, with delivery dates stated to the precise hour. The official total value of these deliveries, mostly involving goods Finland had never before produced and for which she had to erect new factories, was fixed at 300 million gold dollars, at the 1938 price level. Translated into present rates, the actual value of the reparations demanded was 570 million dollars.

Today, Finnish Communist propaganda makes much of Russia's "generosity," referring to the extension of the delivery period from six to eight years and to a cut in 1948 of "half the debts." However, since goods worth more than 152 million gold dollars had been delivered by that time, the actual amount of the cut was merely 73 million dollars. And when Moscow finally reduced some of the heavy fines, rigorously imposed for every day's delay, the Communists forgot to mention that these fines had been fixed at five per cent per month, or 60 per cent annual interest, which in any civilized country would be regarded as plain usury. Nor did they mention that these fines had been exacted regardless of whether the delay was caused by uncontrollable factors, such as Atlantic storms delaying raw material shipments, dock strikes in the United States or Communist-inspired strikes in the Finnish industries.

U.S. Credits

Finland has nothing to be grateful for to Russia. For eight long years she has been the workshop of the Soteva, the Soviet Delegation for war reparation industries, and has had to sacrifice her own recovery and living standards to satisfy the demands of her conquerors. Thus Russia managed cleverly to exploit not only Finland, but the western countries as well, since Finland had to be given American credits to buy machinery, tools and raw materials.

Today, Finland is faced with the problem of adapting her own needs to her overgrown manufacturing industry, which depends so much on outside help and on imports, and thus makes the finished product too expensive to compete on foreign markets. To satisfy the Russians, Finland's metal industries had to double their production, and thus absorbed 50 per cent more manpower, to the detriment of the country's more "natural" industries, such as the timber industry, which could supply their own raw materials. As a result, unemployment threatens thousands of workers, unless the metal and shipbuilding industries can be kept at their present level. Reports from the Russo-Finnish trade negotiations, now taking place in Moscow, are not encouraging. There were hopes that Russia would continue to buy the goods that she previously obtained free, at prices which would enable gradual amortization of the huge investments in these newly-built factories. But Russia insists on a three-cornered deal, leaving it to Poland and Eastern Germany to pay in coal and grain for the goods she intends to take.

Economic Sphere

For Finland, such an arrangement, which is only vaguely moving from hand to mouth, Russia insists that the Finnish goods that could be obtained better and cheaper elsewhere as payment from the satellite countries. The Finnish Communists, also, indicate quite openly that they consider Finland being "the closest allied to western markets." Moscow wishes to draw Finland into her own economic sphere, in order to pile economic control upon the military domination she has already achieved by paralysing the western approaches and cutting the outlet to the Arctic Ocean.

By paying her debts to Russia, Finland has been able to achieve spiritual freedom. She has clear-ed the account, wiped clean the slate. But the ensuing period of re-adjustment will require tactful diplomacy and much of that famed "sisu," that stuff and endurance which was so well demonstrated to the whole world in the masterly organization of the Olympic Games, to steer the country through the vortex emotional allegiance to western ideas and material dependence on the Russian mood. In this coming ordeal, the Finnish people will have the admiration and good will of the Western World.

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Readers' Letters

ISRAEL AND EGYPT

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — While it may still take some time before final judgment can be passed on Premier Mohamed Nagib, there exists a feeling that this new Egyptian leader has the good of his country at heart. Every foreigner who knows Farouk's Egypt will confirm that the task undertaken by Nagib is formidable, and if he succeeds he may not only become the saviour of Egypt but also the leading Arab statesman in the Middle East.

Mr. Ben Gurion's recent peace offer to Egypt was therefore of particular significance. A country which is about to undergo political and social reform struggling to break with outworn conceptions, might be in a position to grasp the importance of our Prime Minister's offer and accept the challenge.

We do not know what is going on behind the silken curtains of diplomacy, but we can only hope that Egypt's new and energetic leader and his advisers will rise to the occasion and accept Israel's peace offer without hesitation. Peace between Israel and Egypt will herald a new era in the history of the Middle East and perhaps decisively influence the neighbourly relations among other nations.

Yours etc.,

M.S. GELLER

Jerusalem, September 12.

EXPORT-IMPORT BANK'S FAITH IN ISRAEL

Hard Work, Great Promise

Address delivered at the National Economic Conference for Israel, at Atlantic City on September 22, by Herbert E. Gaston, Chairman, Export-Import Bank of Washington.

I CAME here simply to express my continued interest in the work you and your associated organizations are doing, but more particularly my keen interest as an American in the welfare of the State of Israel. That interest stems from a sincere belief that the progress of the world toward peace and economic development is closely linked with the fate of this new Nation that is still struggling to overcome the most formidable of difficulties. They are difficulties that might appal hearts less stout than those of the pioneers of Israel, but they are less formidable by far when appraised in the light of all that has been accomplished in the land that is the cradle of religions and of so many of our concepts of what is right and good.

I am impelled to pay tribute to those pioneers, and especially to one I felt privileged to know, a man who devoted heroic efforts to meeting Israel's most urgent problems and who died in the thick of the struggle which he would not desert. I had many contacts, direct and indirect, with Eliezer Kaplan, and formed a great admiration for his abilities, his character, and his service to his country and its people.

'Impossible' Tasks

The problems Eliezer Kaplan faced, and that the leaders and devoted friends of Israel still face, called and continue to call for heroic, even for prodigious efforts. It is not necessary to tell this audience about those problems, because you know them better than I. There is no reason for being complacent about them, nor is there any reason for being dismayed by them. Complacency, unwillingness to face the facts, would create disaster. Happily, I don't detect any such feeling.

The record of Israel is one of taking on with sublime courage tasks that by a cool and cautious reckoning would have seemed impossible. Israel is the going example of the slogan we used to hear in World War days—and it was an inspiring slogan—"The difficult we do today; the impossible takes a little longer."

None of you, I am sure, is indifferent to the essential facts of Israel's economic situation. The relentless drain on foreign exchange to meet current needs calls for continued study of means to conserve it, and it also calls for continuation of the generous help of friends outside of Israel, especially of American friends. Added to this is the need for further extensive capital investments so as to make the Israeli economy as nearly self-supporting as it is possible to make it.

Both approaches and both remedies are essential. New capital investment is needed, but it can not now or soon replace the need for direct aid. But these are facts certainly as well known to you as they are to me.

If what I say seems to you somewhat bankerish, remember that I have been cast in a banker's role. The agency of the United States with which I am connected has no power to make grants, but has to look to the security of its investments. We have considered and we do consider our investment in Israel as a sound and a good investment. We have made very few mistakes in the past; we think we have made no mistake here. We expect to see the credit of Israel maintained.

But I don't want to be misunderstood as to the aims of the Bank and its basic policies. It is commissioned to serve the interests of the United States in world trade. Contained in that purpose is the objective of assisting key developments in the free world and thus serving the cause of freedom and the cause of peace. It is not to make a net profit on our investments that we make loans, although we do make it. It is rather to help the friends of America and of freedom to help themselves.

Loans for Development

The policy of the Bank has not been partisan in the sense of preferring one free Nation over another. Its acts have been motivated by the idea that shipments can be financed and loans can be made in a way to set patterns of development and economic improvement which will serve the cause of world peace.

The loans to Israel were of that character and we believe they will go far toward achieving that purpose. The reports I have had indicate to me that they have helped materially in developing the agricultural and industrial economy so as to provide means of living for the immigrants and the refugees who came to breathe the air of freedom and independence. In doing that they have helped to finance a brilliant pilot project in modern economic and cultural development that will continue to stand as a pattern for emulation by other peoples.

If these projects and this injection of a new and modern type of civilization and a more productive economy into the abode of ancient civilizations stir some resentment in places at the moment, I am sure this will not always be true. If it is true that in the long run Israel must live at peace with her neighbours it seems equally true that self-interest should dictate to her neighbours that they live at peace with Israel. The attitude of the leaders of the Israel Government on this matter of harmony in the Middle East seems to me far-seeing and wise.

Easy Choice

It seems to me also that there is a plain and easy choice here between dictators. It is a choice faced by more than one relatively feeble and underdeveloped country. They can let enlightened self-interest and the cause of liberty and independence dictate to them or they can accept another kind of dictation, the kind that expresses itself through the starvation of its apostles and its victims, through forced labour and starvation, the club and the knout, the knife and the bullet in the back.

We destroyed one tyranny of that kind, but its seeds cast on soil fertilized by ages of oppression, have brought forth a growth just as malignant and abominable and even more menacing.

We have come to realize that righteous anger alone will not solve the problems of a sick world nor extend the area of freedom. It seems evident that we can meet this towering menace to mankind only be self-restraint, by sober and realistic appraisal, by building our strength and by using it to prevent and not to create a cataclysm of world destruction.

New World

It takes no keen observer to know that the world that existed before the late summer of 1939 no longer exists. A world that had in it as much of oppression as well as much that seemed good and safe is gone and may not be expected to return. It will take a lot of patient work and there will be many blunders before that something better for which we hope will come out of the present disorder and peril.

The burden this generation of men bears is to see to it that the new order that is being born shall not turn out to be merely the rebirth of tyranny in a more dreadful form.

These are the considerations that, instead of lessening the importance of Israel's problems, make them of greater moment, for its people can make a striking contribution to the growth of better systems of "internal order and administration, the use of natural resources and the abilities of free men to bring about maximum production, and a great contribution also to peaceful relations between peoples living in freedom.

Out of the efforts of people who still think the word liberty has some meaning and that freedom is not an empty concept can come in time a new world stability not built on tyranny and not maintained by threats and violence.

There is hard work ahead. There is great danger but also great promise.

Gadna Extends Training

By LISA LOEWENBERG

A DECISION which has far-reaching implications with regard to the education of our youth was taken recently when the Gadna decided to take high school pupils to its training farms for two days each month. Only the eighth form, which is preparing for its matriculation examinations, will be exempted.

On the second day of training, the Gadna children will drill until 5 o'clock in the evening, and since there is no transport, they will have to walk home some seven kilometres. Thus it is likely that they will miss their classes for three consecutive days each month as the leaders of Gadna declare that they cannot promise to choose dates just before a Saturday or holiday.

When the Chief of Staff announced his intention of introducing a military trend, one of the main arguments with which this innovation in education was justified was the inadequacy of our present secondary school education. Its general level was — rightly — criticized, and the danger to the security of the country was pointed out.

It must be seriously questioned, however, whether Gadna's action will not further lower the educational level of our youth. Apart from the dangers always inherent in the military training of children, the continuity of their non-military studies will be systematically interrupted, and the only reaction of the Department of Education can be to reduce even further the demands made upon matriculation students.

Lowering Standard

A further deterioration of the standard of general education will harm the country and its army so seriously that such a measure should not be taken until the public has had a chance to convince itself that it is essential. At a moment when the Army has opened its own trade schools for civilians in order to cope with the increasing demand for trained workers for its own use, a militarization of our youth would critically intensify the present shortage of intellectuals and would lead to a further falling off of our scientific and professional standards, a development which would not be without its international consequences.

The army and the educational authorities of the country agree that the best preparation for the eventuality of another war is a co-ordination of body and mind and the full development of the personality of our youth. There are many military specialists who claim that the best soldiers are those who are trained only after they have had a full and variegated general education. It is not the countries with cadet schools that have shown the invincible spirit needed to protect a land to the last. Our own War of Liberation is the best example of this. It was won by a youth whose military training was far from perfect, but whose morale was exemplary and whose understanding of the situation led to its singularly brave attitude.

Though participation in the Gadna is not enforced by law, it is rumoured in the High Schools of the country that those who evade service will not be admitted to the final matriculation examinations. It would be worth while for the military authorities to make clear the position and to define clearly the aims of this new kind of military education at a pre-military age. Since the co-operation of the public is needed for a measure that affects children between the age of 14-18 and since the population has lately taken a hesitant attitude toward Gadna owing to some unfortunate incidents whose explanation is still pending, a clear and unambiguous statement, such a definition would be in the interest of the nation as well as of the Israel Defence Army.

The Gadna training camp and experimental farm at Beer Ora, in the southern Negev. At right, a young student attends to the camp's hydroponics

Photos By Schlesinger

JERUSALEM ART NOTES

Gift from Britain Opposed

THREE leading English parliamentarians, Viscount Samuel, the Liberal leader Clement Davies, and Glenvill Hall, a former Labour Minister, proposed some months ago that the "Mother of Parliaments" should present the world's youngest parliament, our Knesset, with a representative work of Anglo-Jewish Art. The idea found general interest in British parliamentary circles. A committee was formed which selected Benno Elkan, the master of the two giant figural candelabras in Westminster Abbey, Benno Elkan, beyond doubt one of the leading sculptors of our time, proposed a bronze candelabra for the Knesset, to be decorated with relief representations from the Bible and a memorial to the Warsaw Ghetto in the centre. The very moment this project became known, orthodox circles organized an opposition, led by the Jewish artist David Hillman. Hillman, some years ago, had proposed that English Jewry should present stained windows to a number of public buildings in Jerusalem — designed by David Hillman. Some executed windows and sketches for the rest were shown in a small exhibition at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. However, opposition against their all-too-Victorian conception was so strong that the whole idea had to be dropped.

Public Loss

Thus, if Mr. Hillman now organizes the opposition against the presentation of a really great work of Jewish art to Jerusalem, the suspicion of a natural prejudice is inescapable. It would be utterly regrettable if the Maecenases abandoned their plan and Jerusalem lost a representative work by Benno Elkan.

Public opinion should be sounded: if the majority here really opposes the presence of a work of art, not fully complying with Exodus 20.4., without in the Knesset premises, two alternatives are still open. Benno Elkan might be prevailed upon to decorate his candelabra with engraved scenes, or another place, such as the garden of the Bezalel Museum, could be found for the magnificent gift of the British Parliament. To refuse this offer, to offend friends and a great artist, cannot be decided "in camera."

TA. F. M.

VISITORS' GALLERY

Camera from Olympus

HUNG with cameras, a portfolio of pictures under one arm and carrying a box of precious colour slides, Maurice S. Altcheh, of Athens, arrived here recently to spend two weeks photographing Israel and its people.

Mr. Altcheh is no ordinary photographer. He works for no newspapers, accepts no commissions and has no office. Photography started by being his hobby and has become his passion; a year ago he gave up an important post as an engineer in civil aviation to devote all his time to it and to his second love, the encouragement of tourism. He has been sending his photographs to exhibitions for some years and has won a number of prizes, but in the main he uses his pictures to illustrate lectures about his trips throughout Greece and the neighbouring countries. Now Israel will be included in his list.

Altcheh takes dozens of shots of each subject and is very critical of his own accomplishments. He wants each photograph to be a work of art and has a remarkable gift for emphasizing the significant detail. The pictures he has brought with him of Greek landscape and ancient monuments are noteworthy for their clarity and the beautiful effects of light and shade that he obtains.

Born in Athens where he still makes his home, Altcheh and his sister, who lives in Tel Aviv, were the only members of their family to survive the Nazi occupation.

Altcheh is very much interested in increasing the flow of visitors from Greece to Israel. The small Jewish community there — only 2,200 of the former 55,000 survived the Nazi terror — watches events in Israel very carefully, and Altcheh believes that his illustrated talks on his Israel visit will encourage more of them to go and see Israel for themselves.

Since the war, says Mr. Altcheh, the Greek authorities have been doing their utmost to encourage tourism, striving not only to attract people from abroad but to get to know their country. There is a National Institute for Tourism and Welfare which is entirely run by voluntary workers. The main office in Athens provides free information as to what to see, how to get there and supplies lists of all the hotels and inns in the country. The "Federation of Hikers" with 45 clubs throughout Greece is the main centre of the internal tourism and it is with both these bodies that Altcheh is in constant touch and for whom he has given innumerable illustrated lectures. Since tourists from abroad rely the problem of language, policemen and persons connected with the travel groups wear small flags of the countries whose languages they speak.

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